



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 530	Assembly Amendment 1, as Amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1
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Assembly Bill 530

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers a statute that creates the state's wild river system. Portions of the Pike, Pine, and Popple Rivers are designated as wild rivers. Assembly Bill 530 directs the DNR that it may not prohibit the crossing of a bridge which was constructed before September 16, 2003 over a wild river if the crossing is done by a person in an all-terrain vehicle traveling on an all-terrain vehicle trail or a person on a snowmobile traveling on a snowmobile trail.

Assembly Amendment 1, as Amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1

Assembly Amendment 1 as amended by Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1, deletes the requirement that the bridge must have been constructed before September 16, 2003, and applies the limitation on the DNR in the bill to the crossing of bridges that are constructed in any of the following locations:

- Along the Nicolet State Trail where the trail crosses the existing railroad trestle over the Pine River and the Popple River.
- In Florence County along County Highway N where the trail would cross the Pine River.

The amended amendment also requires the state (i.e., all state agencies) to permit all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles to travel in a corridor across state land that separates an all-terrain vehicle trail or a snowmobile trail from the designated bridges.

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on October 15, 2003. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2, and recommended passage of Assembly Bill 530 as amended on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2, on October 15, 2003.

Representative Seratti introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 on November 4, 2003. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 1, as amended, on separate voice votes and passed Assembly Bill 530, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 99; Noes, 0; on November 4, 2003.

On February 18, 2004, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommended concurrence in Assembly Bill 530 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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